

CABINET

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25 November 2014 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 4.12 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Ian Hudspeth – in the Chair
Councillor Rodney Rose
Councillor Mrs Judith Heathcoat
Councillor Melinda Tilley
Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale
Councillor David Nimmo Smith
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Atkins (Item 8)
Councillor Brighthouse (Item 11)
Councillor Christie (Item 13)
Councillor Hards (Item 6)
Councillor Mathew (item 8)
Councillor Anne Purse (Item 8)
Councillor Gill Sanders (item 9)
Councillor John Sanders (Items 8 & 10)

Officers:

Whole of meeting	Joanna Simons (Chief Executive); Sue Whitehead (Chief Executive's Office)
Part of Meeting	
6	Greg Ley, Corporate Finance
7	Lucy Butler, Deputy Director Children's Social Care & YOS
8	Bev Hindle, Deputy Director Strategy & Infrastructure Planning; Peter Day (Environment & Economy)
9	Matthew Edwards (Children, Education & Families)
10	Mark Kemp, Deputy Director, Commercial; Paul Harris (Environment & Economy)
11	Mark Kemp, Deputy Director, Commercial
12	Peter Clark, County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer
13	Sue Corrigan, County HR Manager
14	Margaret Dennison, Interim Deputy Director

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting, and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

104/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Agenda Item. 1)

An apology was received from Councillor Nick Carter.

105/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda Item. 2)

Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale declared an interest as a local councillor in respect of Item 8 on the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

106/14 MINUTES

(Agenda Item. 3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October were agreed and signed.

107/14 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda Item. 4)

Councillor Howson had given notice of the following question to Councillor Tilley:

'It is disappointing that the early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) results for Oxfordshire published by the DfE on the 20th November were among the worst of all the authorities in the South East region for achieving appropriate standards in all early learning goals (ELGs) despite the efforts of many professionals working with young children: what further steps does she think are possible to at least raise the standard in Oxfordshire to that of the regional average?'

Councillor Tilley replied:

- "Firstly, it is only the second year of this specific assessment, which is conducted through adults observing children during classroom activities. The assessment is not as objective as, for example, the marking of examination papers. In Oxfordshire there has been very rigorous training of teachers and other adults conducting the assessment. Oxfordshire works with a number of neighbouring local authorities to check that assessments are consistent across different local authority areas, but not with all the local authorities that you mention. Oxfordshire scored the second highest 'Good Level of Development' out of these six local authorities.
- Secondly, Oxfordshire's results increased considerably from 2013 to 2014, with a 12% increase in the number of children reaching a 'Good Level of Development'.
- Bearing in mind these contextual factors, the results are not as disappointing as might initially be thought. However, you are right to

ask what is being done to address under-achievement in the Foundation Stage.

- From analysis of the data, it is scores in Literacy which have been lower in Oxfordshire, specifically in writing, and particularly boys' writing.
- The following activities are funded by the County Council to address this, and to aim to raise the standard in Oxfordshire to the regional average:
 - Training is delivered to schools where the results were particularly low.
 - In schools where teachers working in the foundation stage are inexperienced, additional training is offered.
 - Advisors and lead teachers work with pre-school settings (day nurseries, playgroups, childminders etc), checking that their assessments are accurate, so that accurate assessments can be passed to schools when children transfer.
 - Advisory support is provided for schools and settings that are inspected by Ofsted as offering less than a good standard of early education.
 - Children's centres work with their local pre-school providers to help children facing difficulties to enjoy and benefit from their early learning experiences. Children's centres also help parents to develop strong learning opportunities at home.
- Examples of locally successful work, such as a storytelling project in Banbury, are shared so that Oxfordshire schools and settings can learn from success elsewhere"

Supplementary: Councillor Howson indicated he was willing to do everything possible to improve the situation and queried what if anything was coming from the 3 groups to bring the County up to the standard of near neighbours. Councillor Tilley welcomed Councillor Howson's support and added that new ideas were constantly being developed. Most recent was a scheme for children to read to dogs as often they may do this when not willing to read to a person.

Councillor Tanner had given notice of the following question to Councillor Nimmo Smith

"Having told full Council on November 4th that the Oxford southern by-pass road works would finish on time at the end of November, does the Cabinet member now feel he should have been more cautious? Would he estimate the costs to local businesses of the road works over-runs and the daily traffic delays, and would he apologise to drivers in and around Oxford for the disruption to their personal and working lives?"

Councillor Nimmo Smith replied:

“The information I provided at Cabinet was correct at the time, and I was very disappointed to subsequently have to announce that the contraflow will be in place for a few more days at Kennington.

We recognise that the work we are doing at the moment is causing frustration for all road users, including business. Ultimately, while the delays that people are experiencing at the moment are frustrating, the work is being done to ensure that the transport system is sustainable and able to meet the ambitions of residents and business.

I know that many people will be upset that after months of delays and were looking forward to the road being back to full capacity. I am sorry that this has not happened.

The start of work at Kennington was delayed significantly by work Thames Water needed to do, however major schemes like this throw up challenges and you have to work hard to overcome them. In addition the recent wet weather delayed crucial waterproofing work on a number of bridges, meaning that resurfacing will now take place around a week later than hoped. Allowance for delays had been built into the programme, but this had been reduced by one of the specialist subcontractors involved in the work recently going into liquidation, and an alternative subcontractor needing to be found at short notice.

Given the delays to the start of work, and challenges like the discovery of an unmapped electricity cable earlier in the project, the team on site have done well to accelerate the remaining works. The team will be continuing to work at nights and weekends to complete the work as quickly as possible.

With regard to your request for me to estimate the cost to the economy of undertaking the work, I am not going to do this but what I can say is that this cost would pale into insignificance against the on-going impact of not doing anything.

The good news is that there is relatively little work left to be done now and work is progressing well. Drivers can look forward to the roadworks being removed very soon and long term significant improvements to their journeys.

Supplementary: In response to a question about the timescales, Councillor Nimmo Smith advised that the contra-flow should be off by the 8th December with final works being completed by the end of December.”

Councillor Hards had given notice of the following question to Councillor Rodney Rose:

“Please would you confirm that you will put pressure on Thames Water to complete the upgrade to the sewage pumping station on Mendip Heights, Didcot, where my constituent had raw sewage on his door step and no functioning drains AGAIN on Tuesday/ Wednesday 11/12 November? According to my contact, one of the new pumps tripped out several days

before the problem arose but Thames Water did not fix it promptly. Thames Water proposed in June to fit more modern and reliable pumps and a second "line". The second line was I believe approved by Thames Water's Board but has not yet been installed."

Councillor Rose replied:

"Clearly I have every sympathy with your constituent and the difficulties they are facing as a result of failures by Thames Water however this appears to be an issue that you should be raising with the Consumer Council for Water who are the appropriate bodies for this matter. The guidance from the Council is that you must follow the Companies complaints process first and go to them if you have an unsatisfactory response. I suggest you let Thames Water know that this is what you will be doing if they do not respond promptly to the problem."

Supplementary: Councillor Hards queried how realistic was the growth plan over the next 15 year for the area? Councillor Rose replied that what was important was that the sewage system should work now. He undertook to meet with Councillor Hards in the local area to discuss the problem.

Councillor Phillips had given notice of the following question to Councillor Hibbert Biles:

'Cabinet Member for Public Health and the Voluntary Sector, Professor Sir Michael Marmot has advised that 75% of local authorities have taken on board his 2010 recommendations from his report 'Fair Society Healthy Lives' and used them to formulate their local plans and strategies. Is Oxfordshire included in the 75% and if not why not? and if so is there an example of how these recommendations have influenced policy implementation?'

Councillor Hibbert Biles replied:

"As there was a similar question from Cllr Pressell at Council I suggest Councillor Phillips looks at the minutes printed in the November Council papers."

Supplementary: Responding to a question requesting confirmation that the County Council had taken on board the recommendations Councillor Hibbert-Biles gave an assurance that the Council implemented the recommendations not as part of a Marmot Plan but the policy objectives formed the basis of several of the Council's Plans for example in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Councillor Phillips had given notice of the following question to Councillor Melinda Tilley:

"Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families, The Regional Education Commissioner has recently not supported this Council's

recommendation for the sponsoring academy for the new primary school on the Barton development. What is the reason for this decision and what action has been taken to challenge this decision?’

Councillor Tilley replied:

The reasons for the rejection of the Council’s recommendation that Cheney School be the sponsor of the new Barton primary school were not stated in the letter advising the Council of this decision. At a meeting between officers and the Regional Schools Commissioner on the 17th November, he stated that if Cheney School wished to submit a new bid as part of the re-run of the Council’s sponsor selection process, he could see no reason why it shouldn’t be allowed so to do. He also said that a further letter would be sent to Cheney School giving reasons why its sponsorship of the new Barton school had not been approved.

We now understand that the headteacher will submit a revised and more comprehensive bid.

Councillor Tilley added that at the School Stakeholder Group she had been asked to write to the Commissioner to express dissatisfaction with the process and particularly that reasons were not given.

108/14 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda Item. 5)

The following requests to address the meeting had been agreed:

Item 6 – Councillor Hards,

Item 8 – Councillor John Sanders, Councillor Anne Purse, Councillor Mathew, Councillor Atkins, Mr John Taylor, PAGE, Mr Arnold Grayson, CPRE, Mrs Julie Hankey, OUTRAGE Mr Ian Mason, BACHPORT

Item 9 – Councillor Gill Sanders,

Item 10 – Councillor John Sanders,

Item 11 – Councillor Brighthouse,

Item 13 – Councillor Christie,

Item 15 – Mr Andy Cattermole, Taylor Wimpey

109/14 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID TERM REVIEW (2014/15)

(Agenda Item. 6)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2014/15 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring, changes in Strategy, and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Councillor Hards, Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance, commented that the report gave a fair summary of the general economic position. There were difficult times ahead. He expressed concerns over the possible impact on

future investment strategy of changes in January 2015. In particular in congratulating officers on efforts so far he queried whether it would be possible to continue to achieve above average profits with below average risk.

Councillor Stratford, Cabinet Member for Finance, indicated that they were awaiting the detail and would continue to do their best. The impact was uncertain as yet. Grey Ley added that officers were looking at alternative more secure options. In introducing the report Councillor Stratford commented that it was an encouraging mid term review, with debt financing improving.

RESOLVED: to note the report, and to **RECOMMEND** Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2014/15 and to approve the revision to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2014/15.

110/14 ACTION PLAN IN RELATION TO RECENT SERIOUS CARE REVIEW OVERVIEW REPORT

(Agenda Item. 7)

At its meeting on 13 May 2014, Cabinet endorsed the recommendations of the Cabinet Advisory Group on the Strategic Assurance Framework for safeguarding children and young people. One of those recommendations was that Cabinet (among others) should be alerted to the outcome of all Serious Case Reviews and actions flowing from them. Cabinet had before them the first such report.

RESOLVED: to note the action being taken in response to the Serious Case Review.

111/14 OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

(Agenda Item. 8)

Cabinet considered a report that covered four separate but connected documents that related to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Mr John Taylor, Chairman of PAGE, representing 8 Parish Council's in South Oxfordshire spoke on the process used for the Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA). In November 2013 they had been pleased to see the 10 year sales average restored as the basis for the LAA. This had then been in the public consultation. In August 2014 a new consultant had resulted in a flawed document no longer using only the 10 year sales average. There was a duty to co-operate but Oxfordshire Councils and communities had been ignored. The result was an increase of the LAA to 1.015tonnes. This was a 42% increase which represented a new gravel pit. He asked Cabinet to go back to the 10 year sales average as agreed last November.

Mr Ian Mason, BACHPORT, spoke against the LAA figure suggesting it was based on flawed logic and guesswork. He refuted claims that Oxfordshire was special or unique. Structural market changes had impacted on demand with use declining due to the increased use of recycled and marine aggregates. It was wrong to look at the position 10 years ago as at that time Oxfordshire had been a massive exporter of aggregate. Production needed to come down as demand dropped. He asked that Cabinet support a 10 year average.

Responding to a question from members Mr Mason stated that the figures were guesswork as they looked only for reasons to increase. The figures varied and were not robust.

Mr Arnold Grayson, CPRE, speaking against the LAA figures commented that the numbers used were arbitrary and were used by the consultancy to manipulate the arguments.

Mrs Julie Hankey, OUTRAGE, also spoke against the change to the basis of the LAA. She compared the actual sales in the past year to the figure proposed. She pointed out that there had been no further consultation on the changed basis and that nothing had changed in the Oxfordshire position since February 2014. As someone involved in the process over a long period of time she felt that there was an imbalance in the Council's attitude to providers and to the communities concerned.

Councillor John Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment, stated he was satisfied with the approach to the LAA as set out at paragraph 9 of the report. It took the 10 year average as a starting point but took into account reasonable expectations. In response to a query from Councillor Sanders expressing concern about the Core Strategy being in two parts, Bev Hindle explained the approach and gave an assurance that it would not be a problem going forward.

Councillor Purse, speaking as Vice-Chairman of the Minerals & Waste Cabinet Advisory Group stated that the Group although aware of the timetable to keep to had also been aware of the importance and impact of what they were being asked to consider. They had found it very tough. It was important to be sure that the right amount of gravel was being extracted because if not they would be doing a disservice to the people of Oxfordshire. She personally was concerned about digging in one county to send it to another. She commended the diagram in the report which gave a much clearer picture of how the various documents fitted together.

Councillor Mathew, speaking as a local councillor and CAG Member drew Cabinet's attention to the importance of the annual audit of the LAA figure as it dictated the 7 year land bank to supply gravel and thus controlled planning permissions. He highlighted that the current figure was 153% above the last recorded figure and 78% above the 10 year average figure. He asserted that over provision gave control over site allocation to providers and impacted on the Council's ability to limit environmental impact. He believed that the Plan

would be rejected by the Inspector and queried whether the Council should take that risk.

Responding to a question from a member Councillor Mathew stated that the increased use of recycled and marine aggregates had impacted on the figures. However it was difficult to prove as there were no agreed figures for the annual production of such aggregates.

Councillor Lorraine Lindsay Gale, speaking as a local councillor referred to the huge number of people concerned about the LAA figure. CAG Members had not been comfortable with the figure and she could not understand why Gill Mill was not included. She believed that the figure was based on evidence which was shaky, indirect and hard to quantify.

Councillor Atkins, speaking as a local councillor and CAG member, felt that the new LAA figure had not been discussed at CAG. The 10 year average had been previously agreed and it was dropped late in the day without explanation. She felt that her comments had not been properly taken into account and discussed at the meeting. She acknowledged that a follow up paper had been prepared but that this was not the same as a discussion. She supported the comments made about the lack of justification for the increased figures and felt that evidence had been chosen to support the view taken.

Councillor Nimmo Smith introduced the contents of the reports and with regard to the LAA highlighted the timetable and set the Plan in the context of the 10 year arc. He added that the Plan was also about waste. He referred to the Energy from Waste plant that was now fully commissioned. This had massively reduced land fill.

Bev Hindle responded to the points raised about the LAA indicating that other local factors were important in addition to the 10 year rolling average. The doubling of housing and increased growth were unique factors affecting supply. The figure was evidence based and he pointed out that the County Council was asked to create supply but did not ensure delivery.

Peter Day responded to points about the use of secondary aggregates. Nationally they provided about 30% of the total aggregate requirement and this was true for Oxfordshire. When looking at this it was necessary to bear in mind the scope for any increase. Currently recycled was at a ceiling. They had lost the biggest producer locally with the loss of Didcot A. They had taken the use of secondary aggregates into account but still the majority of aggregate would come from a primary source.

Responding to a question from the Chairman about the likely result if they amended the LAA to a straight 10 year average Peter Day explained that the consultation with the Aggregate Working Party and neighbouring and other planning authorities had been on the basis of the draft LAA before Cabinet. It had received widespread support. There was a risk that to change it at this

stage would lead an Inspector to conclude the County had not met its duty to co-operate. If this was the case the Plan would not get to Inspection stage.

During lengthy discussion members considered the issues raised by the speakers, the information from officers contained in the report and in person and agreed the recommendations (by 5 votes for and 0 against with 3 abstentions).

a Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2014

RESOLVED: to:

- i. approve the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2014 at Annex 1 for use as the basis for provision for mineral working in the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and for calculating the Oxfordshire landbank;
- ii. authorise the Deputy Director Strategy & Infrastructure Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to make any necessary minor corrections and amendments and publish the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2014 on the Council website.

b Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Core Strategy - Proposed Submission Document

RESOLVED: to:

- i. agree the amended Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy at Annex 3 in principle as the basis of a complete amended version of the Plan for recommendation to Council for publication and submission to the Secretary of State under Regulations 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and
- ii. authorise the Deputy Director Strategy & Infrastructure Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to finalise the Plan for recommendation to Council.

c Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan - Review of Statement of Community Involvement

RESOLVED: to:

- i. adopt the Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement with the amendments as shown in Annex 5 to replace the existing Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement adopted on 7 November 2006; and

- ii. authorise the Deputy Director Strategy & Infrastructure Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to make any further factual corrections or updating required and finalise the adopted Statement of Community Involvement for publication.

d Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Scheme (Sixth Revision) 2014

RESOLVED: to:

- i. approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (Sixth Revision) 2014 at Annex 6, subject to final detailed amendment and editing, to have effect from 23 December 2014;
- ii. authorise the Deputy Director Strategy & Infrastructure Planning to:
 - (a) carry out final detailed amendment and editing of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment;
 - (b) take the necessary steps to bring the revised Scheme into effect from 23 December 2014 and publish the revised Scheme, in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

112/14 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF THE PLACEMENT STRATEGY - FOR CHILDREN IN AND ON THE EDGE OF CARE 2013-16

(Agenda Item. 9)

Cabinet considered a report that updated Cabinet on the progress achieved since The Placement Strategy was approved by Cabinet in July 2013. The report provided an update on the strategy's four major work streams: residential homes build, delivery model for edge of care and residential provision, re-commissioning of young people's supported housing, and fostering and adoption reform. It particularly drew attention to the challenges around foster care recruitment and sought Cabinet's endorsement of a number of new approaches.

Councillor Gill Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families, spoke in support of the work being undertaken and in particular the approaches to fostering care recruitment. The increasing costs were a huge challenge and the Council should express its concern to central government over the impact on funding.

During discussion Cabinet welcomed the report and made a number of suggestions around recruitment of foster carers.

The Cabinet is **RECOMMENDED** to endorse the initiatives set out in paragraph 13 of the report.

At this point it was agreed to vary the order of items on the agenda.

113/14 ENERGY PROCUREMENT

(Agenda Item. 11)

Cabinet considered a paper that set out an approach to the procurement of electricity and gas for the period 2016-2020 for all of the Council's buildings, street lighting and other illuminated street furniture.

Councillor Liz Brighouse, Opposition Leader queried whether it would be possible to get some idea of where the energy is generated from. Cabinet was advised that it was not about electricity from a specific company. A proportion of the energy generated would be renewable. There was an option to purchase a greater proportion of renewables and the cost of that was being investigated.

During discussion Councillor Heathcoat referred to a scheme elsewhere to power buses from bio-fuel created from human waste and queried what work was being done in Oxfordshire with partners to promote new ideas. Bev Hindle replied that there were several trials in place and they were working closely with the Universities and bus companies.

RESOLVED: to:

- (a) approve the proposal to using the energy framework contracts established by LASER for the period 2016-20; and
- (b) delegate to the Deputy Director – Commercial the authority to decide on the preferred in-contract purchasing option.

114/14 STATUTORY RIGHTS OF WAY MANAGEMENT PLAN

(Agenda Item. 10)

It is a statutory duty for the highway authority to prepare, publish & review a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP). The RoWIP provides the strategy framework for public rights of way recording, management and development. Oxfordshire's first RoWIP was adopted on 21 February 2006 and ran until the end of 2011/12. On 22 March 2012 the Cabinet Member for Transport authorised the extension of the current RoWIP validity date to March 2014 and the development of its replacement. Following public consultation on the review, Cabinet had before them a report seeking approval to adopt the Rights of Way Management Plan. Cabinet also had before them an addenda containing Annex 3, on proposed changes to the aims and a summary of key changes to the Rights of Way Management Plan document and list of representations made to the consultation draft.

Councillor Nimmo Smith, Cabinet Member for Environment, in moving the recommendations commented that the plan fitted in to the developing Local Transport Plan 4, for example by replacing stiles with gates.

The Chairman thanked all those involved in the Review of the Plan which had been an enormous piece of work.

RESOLVED: to:

- (a) note the results of the consultation on the draft Rights of Way Management Plan;
- (b) approve the proposed changes to the consultation document;
- (c) adopt the Rights of Way Management Plan for the period January 2015 - December 2025; and
- (d) extend the lifespan of the current Rights of Way Improvement Plan to December 2014.

115/14 GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2014 - NOVEMBER

(Agenda Item. 12)

In April 2013, the Council adopted new governance arrangements which came into effect following the May 2013 elections. The Council asked its Monitoring Officer to review the effectiveness of these decision-making arrangements a year after their coming into operation, along with the underlying Constitution. Cabinet had before them a report that summarised the emerging issues from the Monitoring Officer's review. Peter Clark also advised Cabinet of the comments from the Audit & Governance Committee and in particular their strong opposition to the loss of Member involvement in Home to School Transport Appeal Panels.

Following consideration Cabinet:

RESOLVED: to endorse the direction of travel of the review, subject to the proposal relating to the Appeals & Tribunals Sub-Committee being amended to take account of the comments of Audit & Governance Committee by retaining a councillor on Panels dealing with Home to School Transport Appeals.

116/14 STAFFING REPORT - QUARTER 2 - 2014

(Agenda Item. 13)

Cabinet considered and approved the quarterly staffing report that provided details of key people numbers and analysis of main changes since the previous report.

Councillor Christie whilst understanding the need for some agency staff asked that Annex 2 include details on the posts. Councillor Christie was

advised that such information existed and officers would be happy to supply it to him outside of the report. He was given assurances that officers monitored the position on agency staff very closely.

During discussion Councillor Hudspeth commented that he was keen that agency staff were not used where full time staff were appropriate. Councillor Rose added that he would work with the officers to see what additional information could be provided.

RESOLVED: to:

(a) note the report; and

(b) confirm that the Staffing Report meets the Cabinet's requirements in reporting and managing staffing numbers.

117/14 FOLLOW UP TO THE CALL IN OF A DECISION BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT: PROPOSED PELICAN CROSSINGS - A415 MARCHAM ROAD AND OCK STREET, ABINGDON

(Agenda Item. 15)

At their meeting on 3 November 2014, the Performance Scrutiny Committee considered the decision of the Cabinet Member for Environment made on 9 October 2014 following proper notice of a call in. The Committee agreed to refer the decision back to Cabinet for it to consider in the light of the material concerns that the Committee had about some aspects of the decision.

Mr Cattermole, Taylor Wimpey, commented that in the absence of a substantive report they agreed to see a deferral.

RESOLVED: to note the complexity of the information they will be asked to consider and agree to defer consideration of the Scrutiny Committee Call to the December meeting.

118/14 PROVISION OF EDUCATION SERVICES TO OXFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS

(Agenda Item. 14)

In April 2014 Cabinet asked officers to explore the possibility of a partnership with Hampshire County Council to run services that support schools in Oxfordshire to improve their learning outcomes. Cabinet had before them a report that set out the outcome of that exploration.

RESOLVED: to agree that Oxfordshire County Council should formally withdraw from work to develop a partnership arrangement with Hampshire County Council in relation to school based services.

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119/14 FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS

(Agenda Item. 16)

The Cabinet considered a list of items (CA) for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet together with changes and additions set out in the schedule of addenda.

RESOLVED: to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.

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